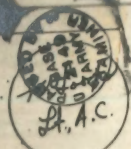


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Hello, folks.

I didn't get my regular letter off this Sunday. But it's just as well. I didn't know a thing to write, anyway. And yesterday I definitely wasn't in the mood for I was in the thick of the North African and again! I can usually look for it once every 5 or 6 weeks it seems. As can everyone else. I recognized the symptoms earlier and the doc had some improved medicine, so I came out of it much better than before. I've felt almost normal today.

This afternoon I took my automatic completely apart! Today I kept on pushing gadgets and had a whole slew of 'em! - However there were no extra parts left when I got it together, so guess I did it correctly! - After supper I went down to the river bank and tried it out. - It sure works lot better than it used to! - I didn't do too bad shooting, either, for a city feller!

Things are sort of dull around here just now. Fritz, whom I usually feel around with, left for a trip yesterday. - He will be gone several days, so it sorta leaves me to shift for myself. - He has gone to one of the biggest cities in Africa where they are supposed to have everything. I gave him some money and he is to pick up some souvenirs if he can find any worth while. - If he doesn't well, - think I'll get a chance to go there myself in 3 or 4 weeks - then we'll see! Had a letter from both Fred & Brother yesterday - that's the way I like to see 'em come! More next time, be good!

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Love, Frank

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